

# Village site on EPA list

## Officials see little risk of water contamination

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GLEN CARBON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is planning the cleanup of hazardous material used as fill in several Madison County municipalities, including Glen Carbon.

In a written statement, the EPA says the village received hard rubber battery-case material from the NL Industries-Taracorp Superfund site in Granite City for fill in alleys and at residences.

The statement did not indicate how much of the material was used in the village.

Other local municipalities that received the material include Granite City, Venice and Madison.

EPA Region 5 is seeking public comments on its clean-up plan at a special public meeting at 7 p.m. March 6 at the Granite City Township Hall.

The EPA proposes to excavate the contaminated fill, treat the hazardous portions and restore the excavated areas.

County Building, Zoning and Environmental Director Joe Parente said the EPA had not informed him of its clean-up plan, but that he understands there is a high level of lead in the ground battery-case material which could conceivably contaminate ground water.

But village Public Works Director Jake Carter said the probability of ground water contamination in Glen Carbon is very low because the material was used sparingly and was not used near any wells.

Carter said he knows the material was used for surfacing on two roads - the end of Collinsville Street and a private road off Meridian Road. Neither of the roads are maintained by the village.

In areas of the county where ground water is contaminated, however, the EPA proposes to pump and dispose of contaminated ground water and install monitoring wells to identify the extent of contamination.

Copies of the EPA's proposed plan and other site-related documents are available for review at the Granite City Public Library.

"Public comment is an important part of EPA's decision-making process," said Deputy Regional Administrator David Ulrich in a written statement. "We hope to receive comments from throughout the affected communities."

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